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### SECTIONS 40.23 NOTES; 41.53 THRU 41.57 PROCEDURAL NOTES; AND 41.105 NOTES

#### MAJOR CHANGES

1. 40.23 Notes: Have been changed substantively.
2. 41.53 and 41.54 Procedural Notes: PN1 contains minor changes in wording. PN2 has been deleted. PN3 has now become PN2 with changes in the heading and text. PN4 has been deleted. The procedural notes for these two sections are identical.
3. 41.55 through 41.57 Procedural Notes: The procedural notes for these sections are identical to Sections 41.53 and 41.54 Procedural Notes.
4. 41.105 Notes: Have been reduced substantially.
5. Officers are reminded that Department-issued materials not codified in the *Foreign Affairs Manual* or its supplemental *Foreign Affairs Handbook* series generally have no regulatory validity (see 2 FAM 1115.2).

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